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BIOGRAPHY

Gerald A. Silva City Auditor



Gerald A. Silva has had a wide variety of professional experiences since his graduation from Sacramento State College in 1967. Jerry spent four years with the international accounting firm of Ernst & Whinney after graduation and then worked seven years with the California Auditor General's Office where he rose to the position of **Audit Manager**.

In 1978, the Arizona State Legislature expanded the responsibilities of the office of the Auditor General to include program and performance audits and evaluations of agencies scheduled for termination under Arizona's new "Sunset Law." After a nationwide recruiting effort, the Arizona Joint Legislative Budget Committee selected Jerry to establish and administer a program and performance audit function and to conduct "Sunset" evaluations.

In 1982, the Governor of Arizona appointed Jerry as the **State Budget Director**. As Budget Director, Jerry was primarily responsible for preparing the Governor's budget and subsequently defending it before the Arizona Legislature.

The San Jose City Council selected Jerry to be **San Jose's City Auditor** in February 1985. On April 29, 1985, Jerry started as City Auditor and currently oversees a staff of 15 auditors.

Jerry is a **Certified Public Accountant** in both California and Arizona. In 1995, Jerry became a Certified Government Financial Manager. In 1977 he was honored by the National Conference of State Legislatures for having written the outstanding legislative research report for that year. Jerry served as president-elect, president, and past president of the *National Association of Local Government Auditors*.

In March 2002, the Comptroller General of the United States appointed Jerry to the Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards. He is also currently a member of the Association of Government Accountants Financial Management

Standards Board. He has formerly served as chairman of the *Western Intergovernmental Audit Forum (WIAF)*, the Forum's local government representative to the *National Intergovernmental Audit Forum (NIAF)*, and the local government representative on the *NIAF Executive Committee*. Jerry was a member of the *AGA Task Force on Performance Auditing*, the San Jose Chapter of the *IIA's Board of Directors* from 1987 to 1993, and the *American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Members In Government Committee* from 1988 to 1991. Jerry also served as Chairman of the *Association of Government Accountants' National State and Local Government Committee* in 1997-98 and Chairman of the *National Association of Local Government Auditors* in 1992-93.

In August 2003, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) selected Jerry as the winner of the **AICPA's 2003 Outstanding CPA in Government Award**.

In May 2002, the National Association of Local Government Auditors (NALGA) awarded Jerry its **Lennis Knighton Award** for having issued the best local government audit report and also recognized Jerry for having produced the best special audit project of any large local government audit office in 2001.

In July 2000, Jerry received the **AGA's Einhorn-Gary Service Award** for leadership, integrity, commitment, and vision at its 50th Anniversary Conference in San Francisco.

In November 1996, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) awarded Jerry with a **Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award** in recognition of his leadership and achievement in Municipal Finance Reporting and Budgeting.

In November 1993, the WIAF honored Jerry with the **1993 Jack Birkholz Leadership Award**.